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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Darin L. Peterson *et al.*

APPLICATION No.: 09/420,659

FILED: October 19, 1999

FOR: **METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR  
RETAINING A TRAY STACK  
HAVING A PLURALITY OF TRAYS  
FOR CARRYING  
MICROELECTRONIC DEVICES**

EXAMINER: JANICE LEE KRIZEK

ART UNIT: 3652

CONFIRMATION No.: 3104

Petition for 3-Month Extension of Time

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

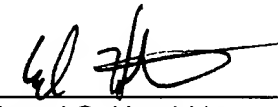
Sir:

Applicant petitions for a 3-Month Extension of Time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action, extending the period for response to October 2, 2002.

- ☒ Fee (37 CFR 1.17(a) (3)): ☐ Small Entity: \$460.00  
☒ Large Entity: \$920.00
- ☒ A check including the above fee for \$920.00 is enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge the above fee(s) to Deposit Account No. 50-0665; this paper is provided in triplicate.
- ☒ Applicant petitions for an additional Extension of Time if necessary for timely filing of this petition and enclosures.
- ☒ Please charge any underpayment for timely consideration of this paper to Deposit Account No. 50-0665.

Respectfully submitted,  
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ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON DC 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.  
☐ Applicant has previously claimed small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.  
☒ A Petition for an Extension of Time for three months is enclosed.  
☐ A General Authorization Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) is enclosed.  
☒ No additional claim fee is required.  
☒ The fee has been calculated as shown.

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TOTAL	* <b>28</b>	-	** <b>63</b>	<b>0</b>
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[ ] FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULT. DEP. CLAIMS				
EXTENSION OF TIME FEE				
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT FEE				
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE				

SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
x 9	\$
x 42	\$
+130	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$

OR

OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
x 18	\$ 0
x 84	\$ 0
+260	\$ 0
	\$ 920
	\$ 180
TOTAL	\$ 1,100

OR

\* If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.

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- ☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 50-0665 in the amount of \$\_. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.  
☒ A check in the amount of **\$1,100** is attached.  
☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0665. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.  
☒ Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.  
☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

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